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The **PARROT**

Speech Discrimination Tester

McCormick Toy Discrimination Test

Please take a few moments to read these instructions as this will ensure that you

get the best possible results from your

PARROT.

Performing the McCormick Toy Discrimination Test

child cannot identify, should not be included (the second in turn and encourage the child to name it. Any toy that the Using the boxed set of McCormick toys, bring out each toy being required for a valid test to be performed. as many toys as possible, with a minimum of two pairs toy in the pair should also be removed). You should include

MAN	SHOE	PLANE	CUP	HORSE	HOUSE	KEY	Toy Pairs
LAMB	SPOON	PLATE	DUCK	FORK	COW	TREE	airs

subject. When satisfied, return the dB dial to 40 dB for the satisfy the tester that the test has been understood by the test to commence. the dB dial set to 70 or 80 dB may be necessary in order to he hears its name. For some children a training stage with indicate that the child should point to the relevant toy when Having prepared a suitable display of toys, you should

be quoted in your report; e.g. a level of 60 dB(A) was passing the test is an 80% correct score (four correct toys present at a dB dial setting of 40dB. The criteria for A child with normal hearing should be able to identify the required before the child achieved an 80% score. correct score is achieved. The final dB level required should you should repeat the test at increasing levels until an 80% responses out of five requests). If this is not the case, then

should be referred to a specialised audiology centre further unable to identify all the toys at a hearing level of 40 dB Current recommendations suggest that any child who is

to ensure consistent aural discrimination. interest of a child with a short attention span. When only a Occasional shuffling of the toys will often help regain the the toys further apart and use eye pointing responses. When testing some children, it may be necessary to space few items are used, more repetition will be required in order

> one ear to the speaker during the test. you for visual clues, or those who have a habit of pointing You should pay particular attention to children who look to

choice of two carrier phrases. These can be selected at any was last used even when switched off. time during the test and the Parrot will remember how it The Parrot now includes both male and female voices and a

the same time press **key**. voice, press and hold the shift key and at To toggle between male and female

between 'show me' and 'where's', press

To toggle the Parrot carrier phrase

and hold the **shift** key and press **tree**.









Calibration of Hearing Tests

the following procedure should be used: white connecting cable. If a calibration check is required, subject. This is the length between the two marks on the dB(A) reading with the speaker positioned 75cm from the conditions such that the dB dial setting is equivalent to a The Parrot has been factory calibrated in free field

- roughly the same height as the child's head. Position a sound level meter in place of the test subject at
- Set the dB dial to 70dB and press the 'Noise' key to produce a calibration noise.
- of 70dB(A) on the meter. Move the speaker to a distance which produces a reading

Monitoring Battery Condition

charging. With normal use, it should give years of trouble rree service. 30 hours of continuous use before the battery needs rethe speaker housing. You should expect to get more than The Parrot is powered by a 6 volt battery contained within

condition. You should stop using the Parrot and re-charge observed whenever a key is pressed. You may continue to calibration accuracy of the speech produced in this no longer possible to guarantee the sound quality or time, the low battery indicator will stay red all the time. It is use the Parrot for a further one to two hours. After this indicator changing from green to red. This will initially be A low battery voltage is indicated by the On/Low battery

Re-Charging the Battery

as soon as possible. Leaving your battery discharged for battery is completely exhausted and should be re-charged Should the On/Low Battery indicator fail to light then the from a completely discharged condition without any the shortest possible time. It will normally recover batteries senses the battery condition and re-charges the battery in long periods may significantly shorten its life. The charger

the battery with any device other than the charger supplied with the Parrot. Failure to observe this instruction may result in serious damage. Under no circumstances should you attempt to re-charge

your battery, the following instructions must be observed To get best use from the charger and maximise the life of

- speaker housing (if connected). Disconnect the 5 pin plug from the rear of the Parrot
- Connect the battery charger to the rear of the Parrot
- battery with the charger supplied. and the green light come on, to indicate that the battery if will light up. After a few hours, the red light should go out on the mains power. The red light on the charger housing Plug the charger into a suitable mains socket, and switch damage will result. It is not possible to 'overcharge' the fully charged. If the charger is left in this condition, no
- speaker housing. Switch off the mains and disconnect the charger from the

Your Parrot is now ready for use

